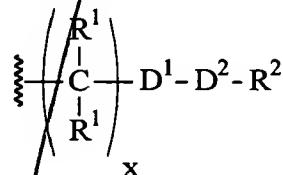
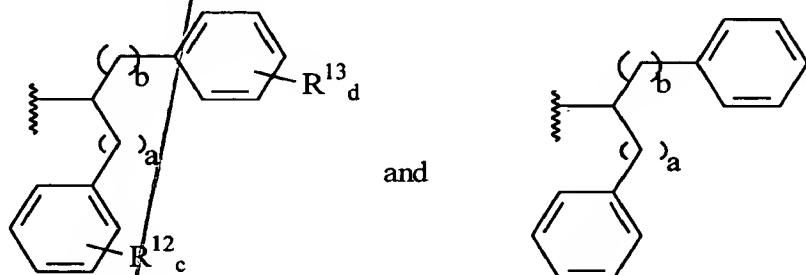


(a) A^1 and A^2 are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom and a group having the structure:



with the proviso that at A^1 and A^2 are not both hydrogen atoms, and wherein:

- (i) each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a hydrocarbon group, a substituted hydrocarbon group, a heterogeneous group, a substituted heterogeneous group, a carbocyclic group, a substituted carbocyclic group, a heterocyclic group, a substituted heterocyclic group, an aromatic group, a substituted aromatic group, a heteroaromatic group, and a substituted heteroaromatic group;
- (ii) x is 0 or 1;
- (iii) each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of:



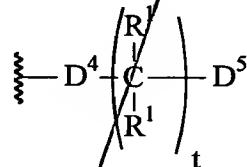
wherein:

- (a) a is at least about 2;
- (b) b is at least about 2;
- (c) c is 1 to about 3;
- (d) d is 1 to about 3; and
- (e) R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon groups and substituted hydrocarbon groups; and

(iv) D^1 and D^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of $-C(O)-$ and $-NH-$; with the proviso that wherein when D^1 is $-NH-$ then D^2 is $-C(O)-$, and wherein when D^2 is $-NH-$ then D^1 is $-C(O)-$;

(b) A^3 has the structure:

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wherein:

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- (i) each R^1 is independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom and a hydroxyl group;
 - (ii) t is from 0 to about 6;
 - (iii) D^4 is $-CH(R^1)-$;
 - (iv) D^5 is $-OR^6$; and
 - (v) R^6 is selected from the group consisting of a carbocyclic group, a substituted carbocyclic group, an aromatic group, and a substituted aromatic group.

(Please add new Claim 18 as follows:)

18. The compound according to Claim 17 wherein x is 1.

(Please add new Claim 19 as follows:)

19. The compound according to Claim 17 wherein x is 0.

(Please add new Claim 20 as follows:)

20. The compound according to Claim 19 wherein D^1 is $-C(O)-$ and D^2 is $-NH-$.

(Please add new Claim 21 as follows:)

21. The compound according to Claim 17 wherein D^1 is $-C(O)-$ and D^2 is $-NH-$.

(Please add new Claim 22 as follows:)

22. The compound according to Claim 17 wherein D^1 is $-NH-$ and D^2 is $-C(O)-$.